

Appl No. 10/699,312
Amdt. dated March 9, 2006
Reply to Office Action of February 8, 2006

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated February 8, 2006, in which election of a single invention and a single species was requested in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §121. In response to the Office Action, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Invention 1 and Species 6 as indicated in the Office Action, corresponding to claims 1-11. This election is made without traverse, except to the extent of the Examiner's assertion that no claim is currently generic. Applicants respectfully assert that at least claims 1 and 6 are generic to all species. Applicants assert that when a generic claim is subsequently found to be allowable, consideration of a reasonable number of additional species is proper. M.P.E.P. §809.02(c). Upon allowance of a generic claim, full consideration of all withdrawn claims to non-elected species embraced by the generic claim is respectfully requested.

Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

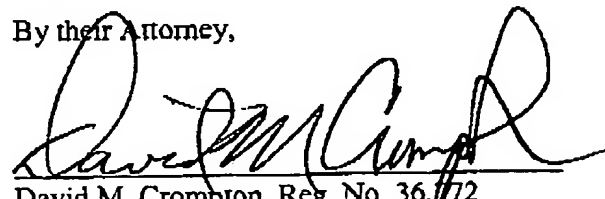
Respectfully submitted,

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